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SUBJECT: COORDINATION OF CCINC TRAINING PROGRAMS

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1. SINCE THE OPENING OF A DEA OFFICE IN TAIPEI IN JULY 1975, THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE CCINC TRAINING PROGRAM CONDUCTED IN TAIWAN. SINCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN INITIATED BY THE CUSTOMS ATTACHE BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE DEA REP IN TAIPEI, THERE WAS LITTLE, IF ANY, COORDINATION BETWEEN CUSTOMS AND DEA REPS AND EMBASSY NOTED NO FRICTION BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS DURING THE ACTUAL CONDUCT OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM.

2. OUTSIDE THE CONTEXT OF CCINC TRAINING PROGRAMS, HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY HAD TO INTERVENE IN ONE CASE OF POOR COORDINATION BETWEEN DEA AND CUSTOM REPS. IT HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION THAT SOME LOCAL OFFICIALS WERE UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER THEY SHOULD NOTIFY THE DEA OR THE CUSTOMS REP REGARDING INTELLIGENCY AND ARRANGEMENTS ON NARCOTICS SHIPMENTS IN TRANSIT TO THE US THROUGH TAIWAN. FOLLOWING A MEETING OF THE DCM AND EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR WITH BOTH REPS, AND A SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH THE CONCERNED GROC OFFICIALS, THE ISSUE WAS RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY. ALTHOUGH DEA AND CUSTOMS RELATIONS, COORDINATION AND COOPERATION ARE CURRENTLY IN EXCELLENT REPAIR AT THIS POST, THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT IN THE MOST RECENT
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(DECEMBER 1975) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CUSTOMS AND DEA,

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THERE APPEAR TO BE CERTAIN AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD, ESPECIALLY ABROAD, WERE AMBIGUITIES CONTINUE TO EXIST AND WHICH COULD BECOME A SOURCE OF FRICTION.

3. THE EMBASSY HOPES THAT THE QUESTION OF COORDINATION BETWEEN DEA AND CUTOMS WILL BE ADDRESSED (IF NECESSARY, IN A CLOSED SESSION FOR STATE REPS) AT THE EA REGIONAL NARCOTICS COORDINATRS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN APRIL IN KUALA LUMPUR. IN THIS REGARD, IF (AS SUGGESTED IN 75 STATE 262186) THE DEPARTMENT IS WILLING TO PROVIDE FUNDING, THE DEMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR (FSO-5 POLITICAL OFFICER BARBARA SCHRAGE) PLANS TO ATTEND.
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